

BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC., )  
VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND )  
EGYPTIAN COMMUNICATIONS )  
SERVICES, INC. )  
)  
Joint Petition of Verizon North Inc., )  
Verizon South Inc. and )  
Egyptian Communications )  
Services, Inc. )  
For Approval Pursuant To 47 U.S.C. )  
§§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e), )  
of an Interconnection Agreement )

JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
AMONG VERIZON NORTH INC., VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND EGYPTIAN  
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. (collectively (“Verizon”)) and  
Egyptian Communications Services, Inc. (“Egyptian”), pursuant to 47 U.S.C.  
§§252(a)(1) and 252(e) and Ill. Admin. Code tit. 83, § 763, petition the Illinois  
Commerce Commission to approve the Interconnection Agreement (the  
“Agreement”) between Verizon and Egyptian on the following grounds:

1. Petitioner Verizon is a telecommunications carrier within the  
meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Protection Act of 1985,  
220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq. and is authorized to provide and is currently  
providing, intraMSA exchange and interexchange telecommunications services to  
customers within certain certificated areas of the State of Illinois.
2. Petitioner Egyptian is a certified provider of telecommunication  
service in Illinois.

3. The proposed Agreement, attached to this petition as Exhibit 1, was negotiated voluntarily between Verizon and Egyptian. Accordingly, Verizon and Egyptian are requesting approval of the Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252(a)(1) and 252(e).

4. Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stats. 56 (effective February 8, 1996), this Commission must approve the filed Agreement unless:

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or,
- (ii) the implementation of such an agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2).

5. Nor do agreements voluntarily negotiated between or among parties have to comply with the standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 251(b) & (c) or the pricing standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(d).<sup>1</sup>

6. As provided in the Statement in Support of an Interconnection Agreement, attached as Exhibit 2, Verizon will make the arrangements set forth in the filed Agreement available on the same terms and conditions to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating within the State of Illinois. Therefore, this Agreement is non-discriminatory.

7. Among other things, this Agreement establishes the terms and conditions for the interconnection, resale and unbundling of telecommunications services.

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<sup>1</sup> VOLUNTARY NEGOTIATIONS- Upon receiving a request for interconnection, services, or network elements pursuant to section 251, an incumbent local exchange carrier may negotiate and enter into a binding agreement with the requesting telecommunications carrier or carriers without regard to the standards set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of § 251. See 47 U.S.C.A. § 252(a)(1).

Such agreements are to be encouraged. Thus, the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

THEREFORE, Verizon and Egyptian respectfully request that the agreement among Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. and Egyptian Communications Services, Inc. be approved as filed.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2001.

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